



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 7th August 2023

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Gt Houghton

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday: Darfield

Sunday 14th August 2023

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Dates for your Diary...

Saturday 26th August Pet Blessing

11:00 a.m. at *St Michael Great Houghton*

2:30 p.m. at *All Saints Darfield*

Heritage Open Days at All Saints

Saturday 9th Sept. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10th Sept. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prepare for ways you can help with these events

Something to do in August...

All Saints Bee Trail:

Have fun by following our Bee Trail through our Churchyard to find the nine Bee points and to solve our Bee challenge.

Available at any time but be aware that the churchyard paths may be slippery following rain.



The Prophet Daniel

Daniel was among those from the southern kingdom of Judah taken into exile in Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. Some of the young men from the Israelite royal family and nobility, including Daniel, were chosen to serve in the King's Palace. During their training they were allocated food and wine from the King's table. [1: 5]. Daniel asked for permission to not defile himself by eating this food. Daniel with Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, were given permission to avoid the king's food and after a ten-day test were seen to be healthier than the others who were eating the King's food. These four were given special gifts by God of knowledge and understanding of literature and learning. In addition, Daniel was given the gift to interpret dreams and visions.

One night, King Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream which none of his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers or astrologers could interpret. Daniel came to the king and, after telling the king that there is 'a God in Heaven who reveals mysteries' [2: 28], went on to reveal and explain the dream. The dream and its interpretation told Nebuchadnezzar the God given future for the king and his kingdom, and a future kingdom set up by the God of heaven [2: 44]. As a reward for passing on the interpretation, Daniel was given a high position in the king's court as ruler of the province of Babylon.

Some years later, Nebuchadnezzar died and was replaced as king by his son Belshazzar. He held a feast and used some of the drinking vessels looted from the Temple in Jerusalem. Suddenly a hand appeared and wrote on the wall. None of the king's wise men could interpret it. On a prompt from his queen, Belshazzar sent for Daniel who was able to tell the king the meaning of the words. Belshazzar's fate was sealed by the writing on the wall and he died that same night to be replaced by King Darius.

Daniel continued to hold a high position in the court. However, some of the other rulers persuaded Darius to issue an edict that anyone found praying to any god or human other than praying to the king should be thrown into the lions' den. Daniel refused to obey the ruling and continued to pray to God. He was brought before Darius and thrown into the lions' den. The following morning, Daniel was found unscathed and Darius issued a decree that the people throughout the kingdom must fear and reverence the God of Daniel, [6:26] which continued with his successor, King Cyrus. Eventually after around 70 years in exile, Cyrus allowed the Israelites to return to their homeland and to rebuild Jerusalem and its Temple.

The remaining chapters describe the various vision that were given to Daniel himself. The dream described in today's Old Testament reading [Daniel 7:] describes four beasts which represent four kingdoms which would rise up. The final one of the four represents the coming of the Lord's Kingdom. For the first time, God is described as the **Ancient of Days**, sitting in judgement in the final court. Into the court comes *one like a son of man* who was given power within the eternal Kingdom of the Saints. The **Son of Man** was one of the names that Jesus used to describe himself.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry Team will not be available during our Church Services during August.

Any prayer requests to Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



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The planned sessions have been postponed—watch for more details in September

What's on at St Michael's in August...

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tea & Cake Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 to 12:00 noon

Angel Bombing

There is still time to help us meet the total number of angels which we need to celebrate Advent in our communities. Patterns available...

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Gracious Father, revive Your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful for Your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 97

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Luke 9: 28-36

Bible Readings for this week

August

6th Matthew 20: 29-34

7th Matthew 21: 1-11

8th Matthew 21: 12-22

9th Matthew 21: 23-32

10th Matthew 21: 33-46

11th Matthew 22: 1-14

12th Matthew 22: 15-33

13th Daniel 3: 1-15

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for Great Houghton and the residents of...

Wescoe Avenue
Norfolk Road
Sandhill Mews
Sandhill Drive
Edward Street
New Street
Turner Street

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

A Prayer for Growth:

Lord Jesus, as a Church Family in All Saints' and St Michael's, it is our mission to know You and proclaim You.

We want to connect with our community and see Your Kingdom grow. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew, invigorate and inspire us in our work for You.

Give us grace, wisdom and joy as we seek to hold out Your Word. Make us strong, powerful and courageous witnesses and grant that we grow in faith and in numbers, to the honour of Your Name, Amen

Transfiguration Luke 9: 28-36

The first five books of our Old Testament are generally attributed to Moses who was born at a time when the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt and grew up to lead them out of captivity towards the Promised Land. We know little of the background of Elijah except that he is described as a Tishbite having originated in the town of Tishbe in Gilead to the east of the River Jordan. [1 Kings 17: 1]. The Israelites had split into two kingdoms and were led by a long line of kings mainly described as *doing evil in the sight of the Lord*. These two significant figures in the history of the Israelites appeared with Jesus on an unknown mountain in what is described as the Transfiguration. In what would probably have been a common event, Jesus took Peter, James and John away from the other disciples onto this mountain to pray. Whilst praying His clothes became very bright and His facial appearance changed. Two figures, Moses and Elijah appeared and were talking to Jesus about his imminent departure and the fulfilment to be enacted at Jerusalem. A cloud descended and a voice from the cloud said '**This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.**' As the cloud dispersed Jesus was alone. Peter's efforts to suggest the building of three booths for Jesus, Moses and Elijah were dismissed because '*he didn't know what he was saying.*' [Luke 9: 33]. The experience of the Transfiguration features in Peter's second letter where he describes himself as '*an eyewitness of the Majesty of Jesus*'. He recalled hearing the voice of God from heaven when they were on the sacred mountain [2 Peter 16-19]

Darfield Village Gala

Thanks to those who helped prevent the cancellation of the Village Gala and its re-location into our Church Hall. Our Pick-a-Stick game was well supported and a large proportion of our prizes found new homes!

Psalm 97: 1, 2, 12

- 1 *The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.*
- 2 *Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*
- 12 *Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



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